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From: David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

**PROGRESS REPORT ON ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

On June 28, 2005, your Board approved, in concept, a separate Public Health Department, and set October 18, 2005 as a preliminary target date to formalize the separation discussions. Further, your Board instructed my office, working with County Counsel and other affected County Departments, to develop a detailed implementation plan and timetable for establishing the new Public Health Department and to provide a 45-day progress report.

We are currently finalizing our progress report and anticipate providing it to your Board by September 1, 2005. Although October 18, 2005 was tentatively identified as the target date to consider creating a separate Public Health Department, we are recommending that this issue be scheduled instead for the November 1, 2005 meeting. This change is proposed in light of your Board's recent action to set October 18, 2005 as the date for the Beilenson Hearing to consider service changes at Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center.

In the interim, if you have questions or need additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Sheila Shima, of my office, at (213) 974-1160.

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